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Those Four-Year Terms

The President has suggested that Congressmen be elected for four-year terms instead of two, but we are not convinced that it would be such a good idea.

For one thing, Western states Congressmen might not bother to visit their areas at all if they are blanketed in with a popular President. Goodness knows, some Congressmen are seldom seen in their areas as it is.

The complaint has been raised that a Congressman is no sooner elected than he must start thinking about the next campaign instead of doing the legislative business he has been elected for.

We question whether this is so terrible. After all, we get more government now than we need.

Most serious objection, however, would be the power such a move would vest in the President and the majority party. Without the off-year elections, a strong President and his Congress would have a four-year, unchecked reign. This, we believe, is too much and is not in keeping with the systems of checks established by our founding fathers.

We think the two-year terms work well and should be retained.

Costly 'Free Lunches'

How much do we really know about economics?

John T. O'Connor, the Secretary of Commerce, recently offered the view that the sum of our knowledge can be stated in just nine little words: "There is no such thing as a free lunch."

It would seem that a great many people should be learning the truth of that now. We have been given more and more alleged free lunches, in the form of all manner of welfare schemes and programs. But the bills are beginning to be presented to us, in various forms. For one thing, the Social Security tax on a worker earning \$8,600 a year or more has just been raised by over \$100 a year, and the employer must contribute a similar sum. For another, the President has asked Congress to repeal reductions in federal excise taxes, on universally used commodities and services, that went into effect very recently. For still another, there is a growing feeling that the Administration may be forced to request increases in income and corporation taxes.

"Free Lunches" turn out to be mighty expensive.

Does Might Make Right?

The increase in crime, and particularly in juvenile delinquency, is a major United States problem. The lawlessness between nations and the sharp practices indulged in by states and nations are far from shining examples of integrity for our people to follow—instead they see the practice of "might makes right."

A single issue of a U.S. newspaper recently carried three news items that illustrate the "might makes right" theory practiced by governments.

First, from New York state it is reported that the Seneca Indians, to make way for a flood control dam, have moved off their land and into modern new houses in the face of a U.S. treaty giving the lands to the Senecas as long as the moon rises, the grass is green, the river flows, and the sun shines. The reason for breaking the treaty is rationalized, but the Senecas have to move to new locations provided by the government whether they like it or not. A solemn agreement is broken.

In Oregon, the Highway Department is reported burying a water pipeline of a small town so deep under a fill that it cannot be repaired and denying responsibility under the law for damages or paying for relocating the line.

Under decisions of "urban renewal" planners, private citizens are evicted from their homes or businesses and paid an arbitrary price for their property which is then sold to another individual. Again, the "might makes right" technique is used.

With such examples of might trampling on individual rights, is it any wonder that lawlessness by juveniles and their elders increases as the principles of the Golden Rule are buried?

Is TVA Fissionable?

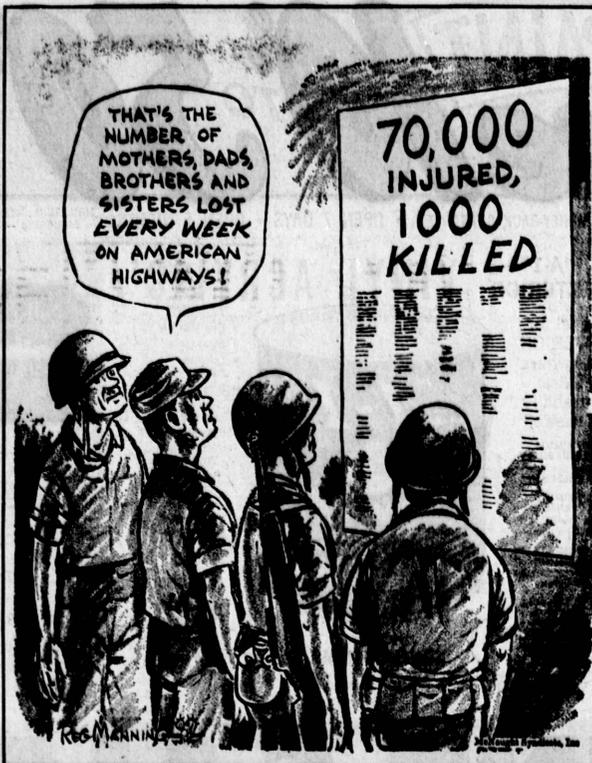
Human memory being short, it's probable that great numbers of people have little or no recollection of the history of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Its original prime mission, as authorized by Congress about 30 years ago, was to harness the Tennessee River in the interests of navigation and flood control. It was also authorized to sell the by-product of these developments, which was hydroelectric power. But this was strictly a secondary matter—or so it was believed in those innocent days.

Now TVA not only has a huge hydroelectric complex—subsidized by all the taxpayers of the nation—it has a mammoth system of team plants, something that Congress never envisaged when the Authority was created. Even so, it isn't satisfied. It has been announced that it will soon accept bids on a big nuclear power station.

This news brought an apt comment from The Wall Street Journal: ". . . it is about time Congress took a new look at its creature. . . . Sooner or later somebody ought to ask just how big this operation, subsidized by all the people, reasonably ought to be allowed to get. And before TVA adds nuclear power to its empire would be a good time for Congress to determine whether or not its overblown operations have . . . become fissionable."

TVA represents state socialism, pure and simple. It provides nothing that publicly-regulated, taxpaying, investor-owned enterprise could not provide. It represents a heavy and continuing drain on public funds. And, unless Congress flashes the red light, it is going to get bigger and more expensive.



STAN DELAPLANE

New Zealand Offers New, 'No-Tourist' Vacations

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

—For people who want to get into new, almost no-tourist country, New Zealand's your place. Trout go to 5 to 10 pounds. So many deer, there's a bounty on them. Miles of beaches fronting two seas. And summer here while it's winter up in America. About \$1,000 round-trip from West Coast cities by Pan American or Air New Zealand. Optional stopovers in Australia and South Pacific grass skirt islands.

"We will have a few weeks to spend in Switzerland and wonder if we should rent a car . . ."

"This is one country where I prefer the train. Run on Swiss watch time. Clean—even the stations sparkle. They have big picture windows and very good food service."

"While you're in Switzerland, remember you can get almost anything by dialing '11' on any phone. What's playing at the movie. Emergency road service. Leave messages for friends. And in all languages. You can even get a true 'A' note if you want to tune your fiddle."

"... of course, in London, we want to see the Changing of the Guard."

You dial "ASK 9211." Gives you all tourist information for the day including time of guard changes at all places. (If you forget this number, look in the front pages of the London phone book. The front pages of the phone book in any foreign city have a lot of interesting things. First thing to look at when you hit a new town.)

"We are planning a trip to Mexico and would like some good restaurants . . ."

The best is the Rivoli (right beside the Hotel Pirelli), both for food and fine decor. Some others would be Jena, Delmonico's, El Paseo, the Del Prado Grill.

El Refugio is the most comfortable place for Mexican food. (Meaning you can eat the salads, and it's in a good district.)

And for a few I like: Preades is old-fashioned, bright-lit. Has the oldest waiters in Mexico and the best food. The Lincoln Hotel Grill that tourists rarely discover is one of the best. The roof of the Majestic Hotel—very Mexican and looking on the great plaza, Lored's Colonial on Hamburgo, Mexican.

Not great. I just like it, that's all.

"Where in Mexico City to buy Alexandrite rings?"

You know these are not real. They're cut from a synthetic material made in Switzerland. But they have the Alexandrite quality of changing color in different light. Usually mounted in 18-carat gold. I've seen some nice ones in the first jewelry shop on the right as you face the Del Prado Hotel.

"You advise that small hotels (with all meals) are quite inexpensive in the suburbs of Lisbon. But how do you go about getting them? Can you write in advance?"

If you write in advance, how do you know you'll like the place you get? Do this: Have reservations for at least two days in a downtown Lisbon hotel on arrival. Now—get your hotel to get a taxi driver by the hour. (If he speaks English, so much the better.) Take him to the National Tourist Office. They'll give you a list and explain to him. And you drive around until you find what you want.

"The airline can get some theater tickets for us in New York, but they never can get tickets for the hit shows. Any ideas?"

I've been told (by N.Y. ticket brokers) that you often do best by writing the box office direct from home. The reason: the producer has to look for backing on his next show. And a strong, out-of-town, satisfied mailing list is a powerful asset.

"We will spend some time in Germany. Our son is in the Army. Can you suggest

Editor, Press-Herald: Allow me to congratulate you and your staff for the excellent way in which you presented the issues in our last school bond election to the people of our community.

By giving full coverage to both sides in the campaign, you did honor to the American system of newspaper presentation of the problems involving our people, thereby giving them the opportunity to hear all arguments and make up their own minds. It was a job well done!

KURT T. SHERY, M.D. Member, Board of Education.

Mailbox

Personal Choice: Roger the Norman, the Eleventh Century Crusader, who took Sicily from the Arabs, is said to have built the lovely little cathedral at Cefalu (originally a Greek settlement) on the northern Sicilian shore near Palermo. He did so as an act of thanksgiving after invoking God's immediate assistance during a tempest in the Tyrrhenian Sea. I have never seen this legend substantiated (and do not, in the Columbia Encyclopaedia at hand).

But that was the story the two or three English-speaking citizens of Cefalu told the American soldiers during the depressing war year of 1943. Some of the fishermen looked at though they had lived on that haunted coast since Roger the Norman's day, so nobody disputed the story. The mosaics and ceilings in that crumbling church might have been there since the Crusaders' era, I remember them as vividly as I do the lobsters and sweet marauna wine the Americans would buy with chocolate and tinned rations at the harbor across the road.

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Camp Humor Touches the Girl Scout Cookie Drive

If you dig camp humor, you'll dilite over the stamp cancellation that Monte Bingham designed for the Girl Scout Cookie Sale: "Great Camps from Little Cookies Grow." If you don't dig camp humor, you'll never walk alone. Mai Tai Sing, the Dragon Lady who owns the Rickaha and other Chinatown mints, will wed Screenshot Jeffrey Hunter one second after his divorce from his second wife, Dusty Bartlett (his first was Actress Barbara Rush); the wedding will probably take place in Hong Kong, where she and Jeff are doing a movie with the unmemorable title of "Strange Portrait" . . . Enrico Banducci, who must know what he's doing (he's still in business, isn't he?), is paying \$6,500 a WEEK to young Barry "Eve of Destruction" McGuire for a two-week run at the hungry

U.S. power plants from coast to coast for a whole month in the spring of 1964. This fascinating document is signed by a Marine Lt. General named P. A. del Valle, and one Lt. Col. M. P. McKoon. Both, fortunately, are retired.

Press report from the Middle East via Reuters:

San Francisco

"The Emir of Kuwait has cut his salary by \$5.6 million a year. Henceforth he will receive \$24.4 million a year instead of \$29 million." So what if he's a million off? With all that money he should learn to subtract? . . . From the San Quentin News: "The U.S. Court of Appeals has ruled that if a bandit apologizes to the victim for his misdeed, his apology can be used in court to help prove he committed the crime." Sorry about that!

A national news magazine, basing its deductions on Defense Secty. Robert McNamara's figures, reports that our armed forces in Viet Nam are expending \$210 million a month on ammunition alone—which figures out to \$35,000 per Viet Kong killed. And that figures out to \$10,000 more than McNamara earns a year, which I agree is a roaring non sequiter, but what the hell isn't these days?

Something called Defenders of the American Constitution is distributing a so-called Alert that tells (at last) the reason for the recent power failure in the Northeast. "It was no accident," one reads with alloyed fascination. It was "a Communist terror tactic" that "could have been the beginning of the overt takeover of the U. S. by violence," continues the Alert, pointing a finger at "Five Communist Romanian electrical experts who inspected

One final fling at the Clean/Dirty game, courtesy of readers: "Vanilla is a Clean, Tutti-frutti is a Dirty," Mary Ellen's is a Clean, Smucker's is a Dirty," Tennessee Williams is a Dirty," and that's IT.

When the master comes to town: Bola Sete, the talented Brazilian guitarist, after standing in line for tickets to Andrea Segovia's concert, beamed: "I got front-row seats—AND I'm bringing my binoculars." . . . At Dragon a Go Go, Ed Chin was wondering why the Senate spent so much time arguing about controversial 14 (b): "Who CARES that much about Phyllis Diller's bra size?" . . . Ex-champ Archie Moore, besieged by autograph hunters at the Domino, and signing 14 menus—much to disgust of Owner Larry Gerardi, who kept muttering: "Doesn't he know those things cost me a buck and a half apiece?" . . . Mike Clarke, who has shaggy hair and wears Ben Franklin glasses—yes!—and sings with The Byrds—as big as the Beatles, maybe even BIGGER!—is soft on Diane (Jigg) Iglesias, a San Jose State coed. I mean, weren't they seen prowling around town the other day, hand (hers) in paw (his)? Too much. One of our girls making it BIG with one of The Byrds! Mother!!

ROYCE BRIER

Self-Help is the Key To Foreign Aid Success

When President Johnson speaks of foreign aid on television his voice is full of sympathy for mankind. Indeed, it carries a tone of piety, but this does not connote insincerity. Plainly, he wants to help on pragmatic as well as humanitarian grounds. He says the appalling economic condition of half of the world threatens our security.

Yet he seems aware that the United States can do little for those who will not help themselves. In a special message he asked the Congress for a little under \$3.4 billion for foreign aid beginning July 1. A little under \$2.5 billion would go for economic assistance.

Foreign aid is certainly something your grandfather would not understand, and he would probably consider it immoral. But he did not experience the world dis-

organization ensuing on the two wars of this century.

Actually, American foreign aid cannot even dent the immense body of economic disruption and depression which afflicts the undeveloped peoples in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Yet to bring the submerged masses of the remaining half up to the economic level of poor American or European farmers would require untold billions. Moreover, money alone cannot accomplish the feat, nor can money accomplish anything notable in a short time.

The President, who has better sources of economic information than most of us, knows all this. He gave voice in his message to something always mentioned, but seldom said bluntly. His program, he said, is only for those capable of self-help. We are "ready and willing to cooperate with the industrious, but unwilling to subsidize those who do not assume responsibility for their own fate."

To this end, he would apply certain criteria such as improved farm techniques, more education and health measures, land and tax reform, and by implication, birth control in exploding populations.

Such stern conditions are easier devised than met. If you have \$100 million to put into a country that needs it, you cannot be sure it will benefit only those capable of self-help. You cannot even be sure a good segment of it will not be squandered.

Further, we must aid people not immediately capable of self-help, and India is a good example. To bring modern techniques to Indian farms, and double productivity cannot be achieved in any five years. The mass of Indian farmers must first be shown what is possible. Then they must have fertilizers, and fertilizers plants do not grow on trash. So far, American grain aid to India is a little behind subsistence needs. Yet in varying degrees this is the position of all the undeveloped world.

Here is the problem, and there is no evidence so far that money or technology alone can solve it.

Morning Report:

Escalate— which means going up an escalator as from ladies dresses to home furnishings—is getting out of hand and out of style. Nobody is in favor.

Senator Fulbright is against Mr. Johnson's policy in Viet Nam and called General Gavin to his committee. The general didn't want to escalate and neither did former Ambassador Kennan who followed him. Then the next day, the President agreed with all three of them—he didn't want to escalate either.

I think it was a mistake to call for the "great debate" on Viet Nam. It's too complicated. Leaves all of us voters with the feelings we are running pell-mell down the up escalator. Or maybe the other way around.

Abe Mellinkoff